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At the end of the questionnaire, the residents were asked what they liked about living in Dove Holes. The list was very long and varied but the one overwhelming thing which people liked was the friendly people in Dove Holes. 111 people commented upon the friendliness of the residents and neighbours as being the thing they liked the most. The factor which scored the next highest was the sense of community spirit within the village. The other things which people liked about living in Dove Holes was the surrounding countryside and views, the peace and quiet of the area and the amount of good walks around the village. The location of Dove Holes with its easy access to roads and public transport to get to the surrounding towns, whilst still retaining a distinct sense of village life was also rated highly. This rural location and sense of community creates a good atmosphere and people feel safe in the village. The presence of a good school and lack of crime within the village also add to people's enjoyment of life in Dove Holes, many of which have never lived anywhere else.

However, when asked what they did not like about living in Dove Holes, the residents came up with an equally long and varied list. The main thing which people did not like was the A6 which runs through the centre of the village. 99 people disliked the busy main road and many others did not like the amount and speed of traffic and lorries passing through the village or the dust and pollution caused by the quarry and its traffic and the dirty footpaths, roads and houses they created. The noise of the traffic was also a factor for some people. Apart from the road and traffic, the other areas of dislike were the amount of vandalism taking place within the village, the lack of activities for teenagers and children and the lack of equipment in the playground. The one other area of concern was the amount of dog fouling around the village and annoyance with owners who let their pets make the mess. Many people, in response to this question, said that the only thing they did not like was the unjustified reputation that Dove Holes had got, whilst others commented that there wasn't anything about the village that they did not like.